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COUNTRY East Germany

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TOPIC 1. Gluecksburg Target Range

2. Jueterbog Altes Lager Airfield

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EVALUATION see below

PLACE OBTAINED

DATE OF CONTENT

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DATE PREPARED 12 August 1953

REFERENCES

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REMARKS

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1. On the late afternoon [redacted] observed that the road from Seyda to Linda was blocked by barriers and ditches. The Gluecksburg bomb range in the Gluecksburg Forest was surrounded by watchtowers which were occupied by sentries during practices. Several groups of wooden dummies, including 8 to 10 dummy artillery pieces, were observed at the field. Eight wooden truck dummies of natural size were along the Seyda-Linda road, 30 to 40 aircraft dummies were along the edge of the woods, and 18 to 20 tank dummies were in a clearing. The dummies were primitive and some of them considerably damaged. A number of bomb crates, some of them close to each other, were scattered over the field. Cement bombs, cartridge cases, sections of fuses and bomb fins were dispersed over the field. [redacted]

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2. Air activity by Il-28s was last observed at Jueterbog-Altes Lager airfield on 7 July 1953. Source learned from a Soviet air force soldier that the Il-28 unit would be transferred to Poland. [redacted]
3. On 10 July, 6 x 37-mm AA guns were observed emplaced on the eastern edge of the field. A number of fuel tanks was dug out at the fuel dump along the southeastern section of the field and stored on blocks which were arranged in several rows.
4. At noon on 11 July, 4 twin-engine planes with double rudder assemblies and without nose wheels, 3 biplanes and 7 swept-back jet fighters were observed at the field. At 3 p.m., three swept-back jet fighters took off in close succession, assembled in formation, and, then, headed east. 2

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Comment. For location of Gluecksburg target range, see Annex. The target range is reported for the first time. It is probably used by the air units stationed at Jueterbog and Reinsdorf airfields.

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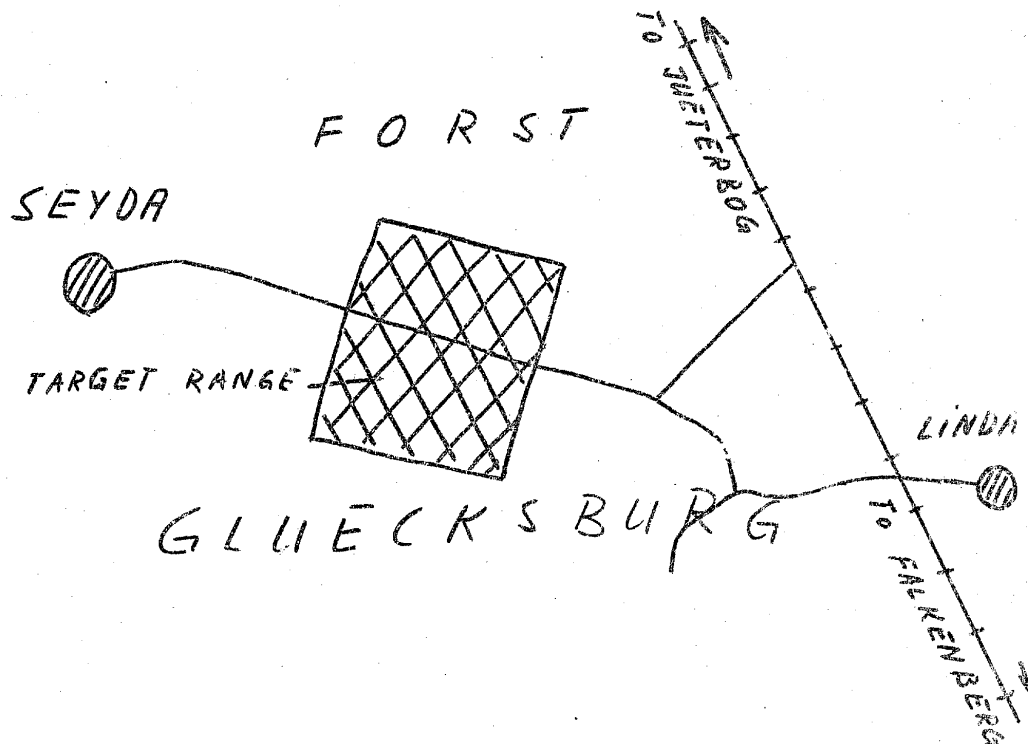
2. Comment. Jueterbog airfield was occupied by a reconnaissance regiment and a fighter regiment prior to early July 1953. Together with the bomber regiments which were withdrawn from East Germany, the reconnaissance regiment which is also equipped with Il-28s was transferred toward the east to an unidentified destination. The field is presently occupied only by the fighter regiment equipped with MiG-15s.

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Annex

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Gluecksburg Target Range



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